
Title: Self in Virtue

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What follows in these pages is one man's humble attempts to clarify the importance of self in regards to the Path of Virtue, and how he has seen fit to walk it. It is by no means definitive, as the subject of Virtue is broad enough to invite discussion and alternate theories to last into the next age.

There is no religious aspect to Virtue. All too often, you hear some zealot claim that he 'worships' the Virtues, or that he prays at their shrines. As there is no theological framework to the Virtues, (ie.deities,high holy days,etc.) ascribing it a quasi-religious nature actually diminishes the importance of Virtue.

The Eight Virtues, and the Three Principle from whence they spring, are traits of character, and idealogical concepts which hinge one upon the other. As such, Virtue is wholly reliant upon ones understanding of their meaning, and how that relates to them.

I have always seen Spirituality as ability to take what you are within, and use that to influence the world around you. This, for me, is the first step onto the Path of Virtue.

When one lives according
to how he views each
Virtue, and applies them
to his surroundings, and
how he treats with other
people, he begins to set
himself up as an example
of how it -could- be. An
example of a man not
content with the mundane.
With purer motives, and
higher standards, and a
desire to bring his world
up with him.

The key to this, is
inspiration on a level that
any man can relate to.
No convoluted ceremony,
or meandering philosophy.
No preaching, but open,
give and take discussion.

To muddy the waters
with prayer, or talk of
an afterlife, or the Light,
or some Avatar, only
serves to divide people
along the lines of culture
and upbringing. They are
separate entities to
Virtue.

The man who is steeped
in Virtue, and walks life
armored with a desire to
do better, and see others
do the same, should have
an innate ability to make
those around him think,

"If he can do such things,
so can I."

We can, every one of us,
be great, but we must
allow ourselves the
confidence, and self
reliance to do so.